



17th INEPS CONGRESS HELD IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW HOSTS CONGRESS FROM
APRIL 23RD THROUGH APRIL 29TH

With over 100 delegates from Greece, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria, the United States and many parts of Russia the 17th Annual INEPS Congress proved to be a great success. The Welcoming Dinner held at the Productive School "Khamovniki" was prepared by the students and proved to be a culinary delight with all sorts of Russian dishes to sample.

The Opening sessions and subsequent workshops on Sunday and Monday were held at the Academy of Teachers/Educators Professional Development and Retraining. Although the weather was cold and rainy to begin with the atmosphere in the hall was warm and cordial. The theme of the Congress was Productive Learning and School Democratization.

On Tuesday the delegates broke up into groups and visited various schools in Moscow for a first hand look at education in Russia. The following schools were visited:

- Moscow School of Self Determination
- Productive School "Khamovniki"
- Secondary technical School N 15, Ordintsovo

Thursday was the final session of the Congress where the participants summed up their experiences. In addition there an INEPS Round Table Internet Conference. It was also the occasion where the results of "The Book of the Year in Pedagogic" were announced and the recipients received their prizes.

The participants were also given a guided tour of Moscow and a special trip to the ancient town of Pereslavl-Zalessky in the Yaroslavl District. They also had time to explore the city on their own and try out the local restaurants.

During the Congress the INEPS Advisory Council held their meetings and presided over two Plenary Sessions. The following were some of the important decisions reached:

1. The New Revised Constitution was approved.
2. Elections for the Advisory Council were held.

The following persons are the new officers:

PRESIDENT: Angela Passa (Greece)

VICE PRESIDENT: Juha Lahtinen (Finland)

2ND VICE PRESIDENTS:

Ingolf Reulecke - Germany

Bettina Schmidt - Germany

SECRETARY: Hildburg Bistran (Germany)

TREASURER: Ingrid Boehm (Germany)

MEMBERS: Heike Borkenhagen (Germany)

Mercè Marcé (Spain)

Nata Krylova (Russia)

3. Sites for next years meeting were selected. They include:

IPLE Workshop (Fall) - Bourgas, Bulgaria

INEPS Youth Congress (Spring) - Madeira, Portugal

18th INEPS Congress (Spring) - Wemigerode, Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany



With the closing of the Fogelstromska Gymnasiet in Stockholm, Sweden it was their last Congress. We hope they will reestablish and come back bigger and stronger in the future.

During the Congress, Olga Leotieva's father died. He was a noted educator and a staunch defender of educational reform. We all send our sincere condolences to Olga and her family.

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